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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS PERSIST ON LMFBR COOPERATION

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1. ACCORDING TO RECENT INDICATIONS, THE DIFFERENCES
(CITED REFTTEL) OVER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE USFRG
COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN LIQUID METAL FAST BREEDER
REACTORS (LMFBR) HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED. MIDDLE
LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF ERDA AND THE FRG
MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (BMFT) HAVE SO
FAR FAILED TO WORK OUT DIFFERENCES.

2. TECHNICAL PROGRAM PERSONNEL IN BMFT ARE CONCERNED
OVER PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUING SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF
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FAST BREEDER COOPERATION PROGRAM. THERE IS SOME
FEELING THAT THE PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE SOLVED IF
ADDRESSED AT POLICY LEVELS OF ERDA AND BMFT.

3. TWO GERMAN SCIENTISTS WHO APPLIED TO VISIT FACILI-
TIES IN THE US UNDER TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT WERE
TURNED DOWN RECENTLY. IT APPEARS THAT THESE AROSE

FROM ADMINISTRATIVE MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH HAVE
SINCE BEEN RECTIFIED. HOWEVER, THE GERMANS SEEM TO
FEEL THAT THESE REJECTIONS WERE AN ATTEMPT TO APPLY
PRESSURE.

4. CONTINUED FAILURE TO CLARIFY IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE LMFBR AGREEMENT CAN ONLY EXACERBATE THE SITUATION.
WE SEE HERE A NEED FOR THE US AND FRG TO ARRIVE SOON AT
A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PARAMETERS OF THE LMFBR
COOPERATION THEY WANT TO PURSUE. AT THE SAME TIME, O
SERIOUS CURTAILMENT OF THE LMFBR AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE
IMPLICATIONS FOR US-FRG SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IN
GENERAL.

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